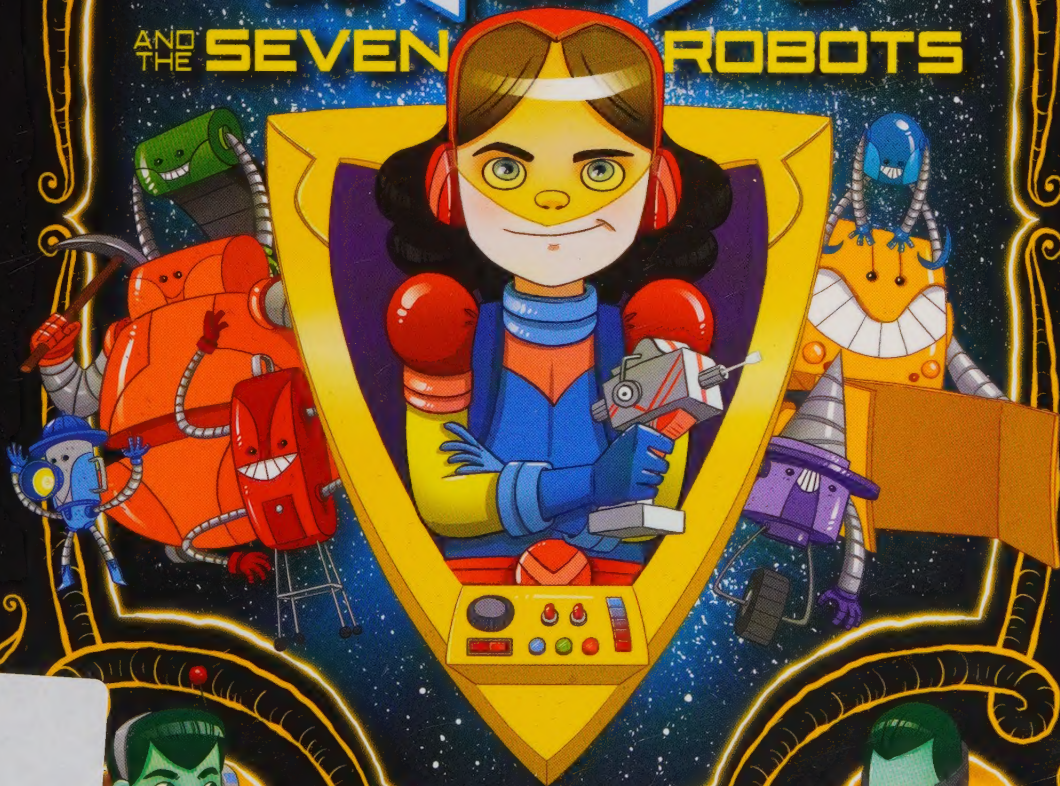


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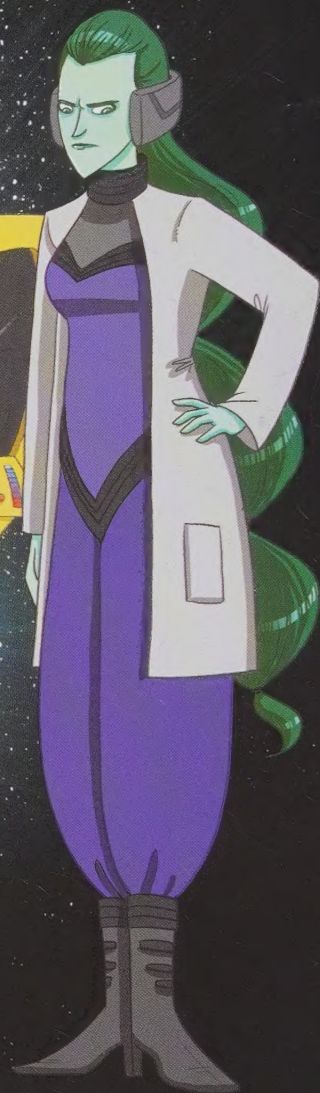
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Once upon a time, on a planet, far, far away, seven scientists presented a gift to the Queen of Techworld...

We have given her every gift a ruler of Techworld should possess.

Bravery.

Kindness.

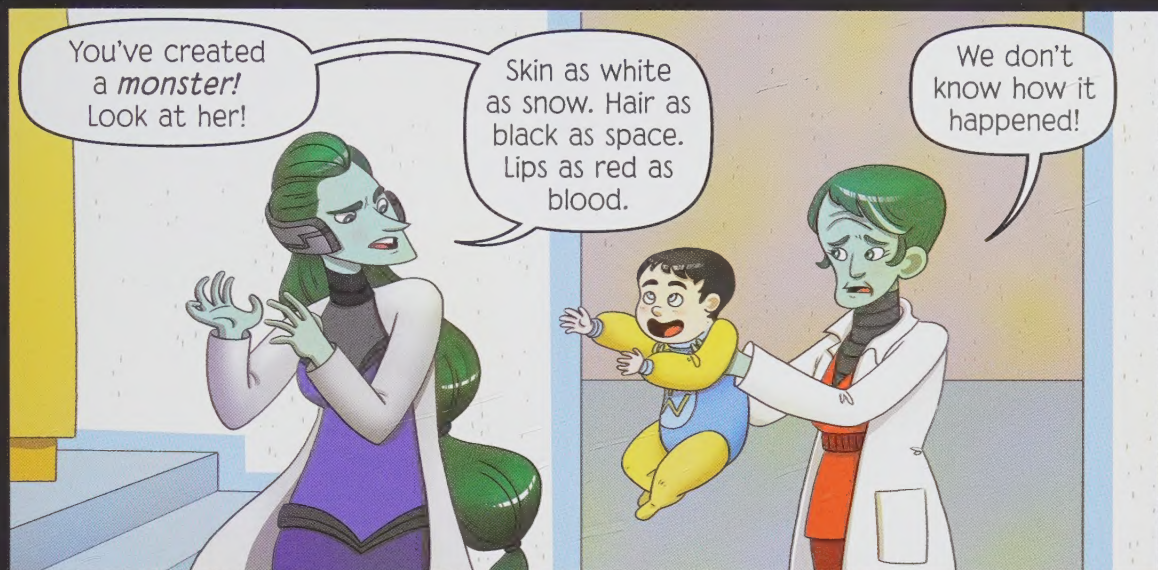
Scientific aptitude.

Integrity.

Wisdom.

Intelligence.





You've created  
a *monster*!  
Look at her!

Skin as white  
as snow. Hair as  
black as space.  
Lips as red as  
blood.

We don't  
know how it  
happened!



Of course  
you don't! I  
left no clues  
behind.



Get that baby  
out of my sight! The  
people of Techworld  
will never accept her  
as their ruler.

We will keep her  
birth a secret. And I  
will continue to rule  
in her stead.



Every morning, the Queen Regent spoke to the satellite that monitored their planet...

Secret eye above the sky, who is the smartest that you spy?

And every morning, the satellite showed the Queen Regent her own face.

I watch your world. I can't deny. The queen's the smartest one I spy.

And every morning, for seven years, the queen was pleased. She knew that robots couldn't lie.

Until...

What is *this*, Snow?

A robot kitten! I made it for your birthday!

All by yourself? That is remarkable!

That same morning, when the queen asked her question, the satellite had a different answer.

I watch your world. I cannot lie. Snow White will be the smartest, by and by.

No! She will steal my crown! The child must go!



Later that same afternoon...

Perhaps Queen Regent is right. Maybe Snow White should live among the people she was made to rule.

But we're forbidden to tell the child her purpose. She'll think we are abandoning her.

We have no choice...

This...thing is your new apprentice, Trash Talk.

She is very small. What of her schooling?

No school. She will help you collect the city's rubbish!

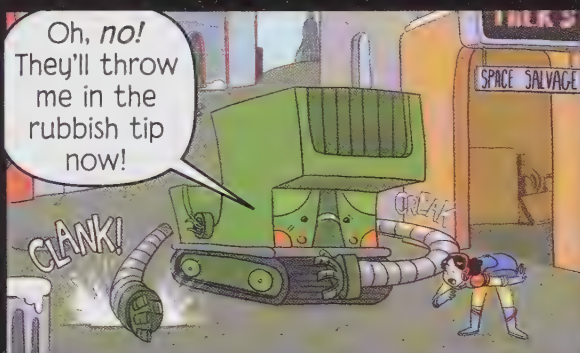
And perhaps she won't survive...





Low Town is where you live now.

It's not at all like the palace, but-



Oh, no! They'll throw me in the rubbish tip now!

CLANK!



Don't worry, Trash Talk. I can fix it.



If I can just...lift this...!

I'll lift it into place for you. You align the gears!





They call me Doc. I usually help sick people, not robots. What's your name, anyway?

Snow White—because of my weird skin. I guess sick robots are my specialty!



Better than new! Thanks.

GLEAM!!



Trash Talk, could your apprentice help my cleaner robot?

I want to sell it to the queen, but it can hardly move because of all the rust.

Poor thing. Of course I'll help him!

:D



Several years pass. Word of Snow White's skill and kindness spreads. The people and robots who live nearby begin to prosper.

I can't pay you money for fixing Spider, but take these leaves.

Doc says they're good for sunburn! With that strange white skin, you'll need them.

Thank you!


All the robots in Low Town are fixed now.

I'm bored!

Trash Talk—wait a second!!

Doc, look what somebody has thrown out! A gyroscope! From a rocket ship!





Maybe we can use  
junk from the  
spaceport to build our  
own rocket ship!

It might take a  
few years...but  
yeah, *why not?*  
What else is in  
this pile?

A few years later,  
Queen Regent  
repeated the  
question she asked  
every morning.

Secret eye  
above the sky,  
who is the  
smartest that  
you spy?

Once again, she  
got an answer  
she didn't want  
to hear.

I warned you!  
That you can't  
deny. There's  
someone smarter  
now near by.

Enough!

Get me that  
Rubbish Robot! I  
want him here-  
*immediately!*





Here's an igniter! It's the last part we need!

Great!



What is *that*?!

I am the Queen's Monitor!  
By the queen's orders, Trash Talk must come to her. **NOW.**



Uh-oh.

Snow, I don't like this. I'll go with Trash Talk, hidden in his wagon.

You stay and install the igniter. We may need this ship soon...

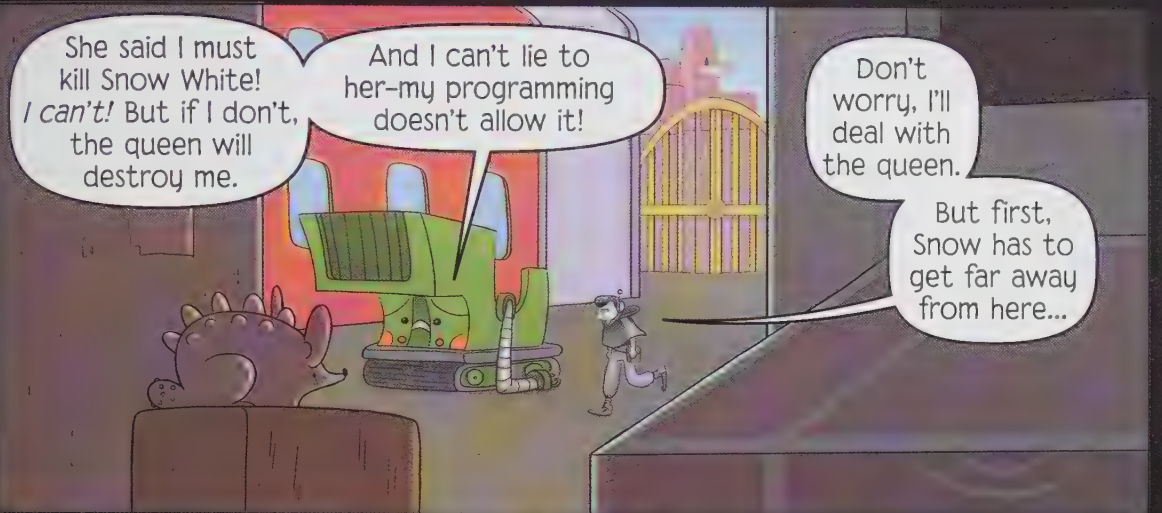


Later, in the castle...

Trash Talk, I command you to roll over the girl! Or crush her!

I don't care how you do it, but Snow White **must die!**






She said I must kill Snow White! *I can't!* But if I don't, the queen will destroy me.

And I can't lie to her-my programming doesn't allow it!


Don't worry, I'll deal with the queen.

But first, Snow has to get far away from here...

Minutes later...



Doc, it's done! Our rocket ship is finally finished!



What's wrong?

The queen ordered Trash Talk to kill you.



But... why?

I don't know. But you have to leave Techworld. *Now.*

I wish I could come with you, but I have to stay to cover for you-and to protect Trash Talk.



Soon after...

Don't worry, Doc. I'll have enough fuel to make the trip.

I'll let you know when it's safe to return.

I'll miss her.

I will, too. But we will see her again!

I know it.

Now remember, I *can* lie, even if *you* can't! So once we get inside, let me do the talking.

As you wish.

SPLAT!



Doc presented the soiled rucksack to the queen as evidence of Snow White's death.

This Rubbish Collection Robot malfunctioned and ran right over his apprentice!

This mangled rucksack is all that's left of her!

She's dead?

Oh, what a horrible mistake! My engineers will check Trash Talk's programming.

Thank you for reporting it, young man. As a reward, you will train as a scientist and work here in my palace!

I never dreamed of having such an opportunity! Thank you.

Now I can find out what's *really* going on here...



And in the asteroid belt...

Have you  
found  
something,  
ship?

A diamond mine  
in Asteroid 5557.  
Tunnels are life  
compatible.

Meteor  
approaching!  
Brace for  
impact!

Severe damage  
to all systems!  
Will try to reach  
target 5557 before  
systems failure...

CRUNCH!

KRRRRRRRRSSSH!







As soon as she woke, Snow White told the seven mining robots her story.

Thank you all for saving me.

How did that arm get bent? Here, let me fix it!



We are happy...

...to have you stay with us...

...but you must be careful.

Soon the Queen's Company will send a ship...

...to pick up our diamonds.



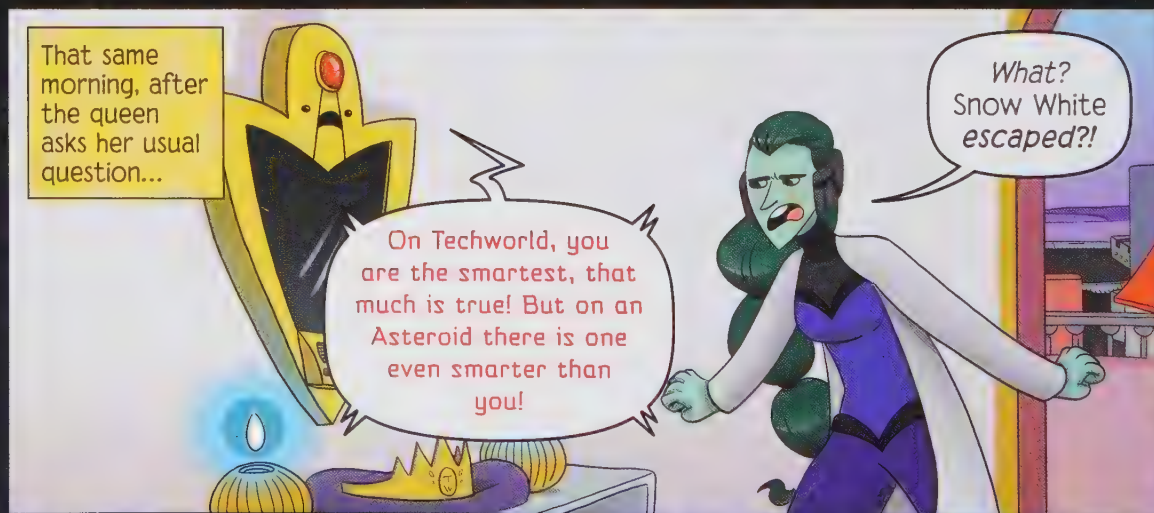
When they do, you must hide...

...or her workers will tell her!

That same morning, after the queen asks her usual question...

On Techworld, you are the smartest, that much is true! But on an Asteroid there is one even smarter than you!

What? Snow White escaped?!







ENOUGH!

I'll go to the asteroid belt and destroy her myself!



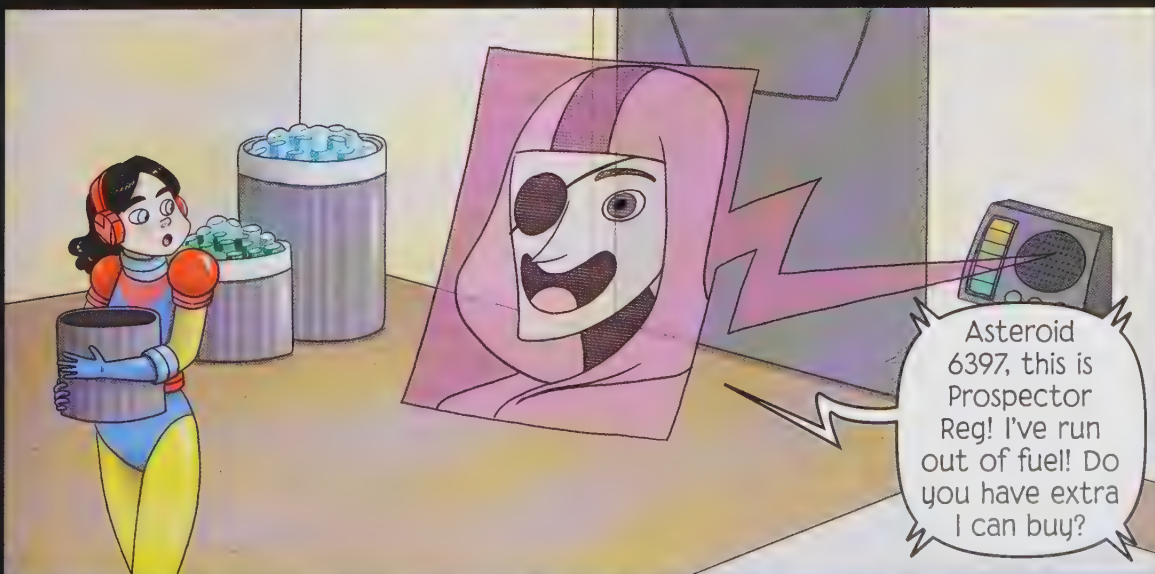
Who can resist the lure of chocolate!



I've never seen mining robots in such good condition. Finally, I have found Snow White.

Now, to put my plan into action!

The queen boarded an old ship and disguised herself as a prospector. She flew to the asteroid belt.



Asteroid 6397, this is Prospector Reg! I've run out of fuel! Do you have extra I can buy?









It tastes  
different than  
I remember. /  
feel...

...strange.



Now who is  
the smartest of  
them all?!



Upon returning to Techworld, the Queen Regent gave an order...

Mining Asteroid 6397 is under total quarantine. No communication is allowed with anyone there.

And no ship may approach it!

On the asteroid, when the mining robots returned home from work...

The door is open.

Where is Snow White?

What is wrong with her?

So still!

She won't wake up!

But she is not dead.

What is this?

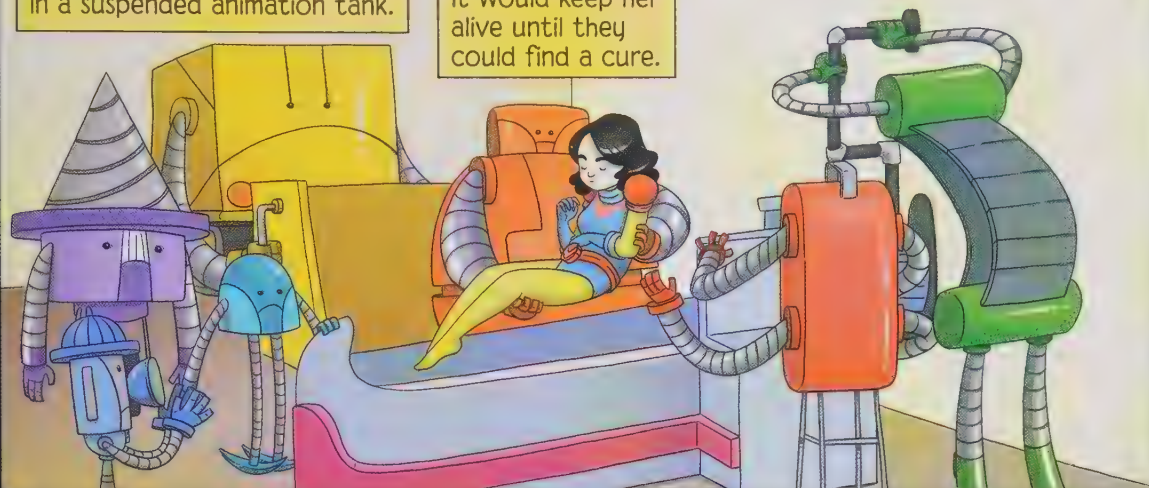
Chocolate!

It has been poisoned!



The robots placed Snow White in a suspended animation tank.

It would keep her alive until they could find a cure.



Because the Queen's Company no longer stopped at their planet, the robots collected huge piles of diamonds.

We must find a way...

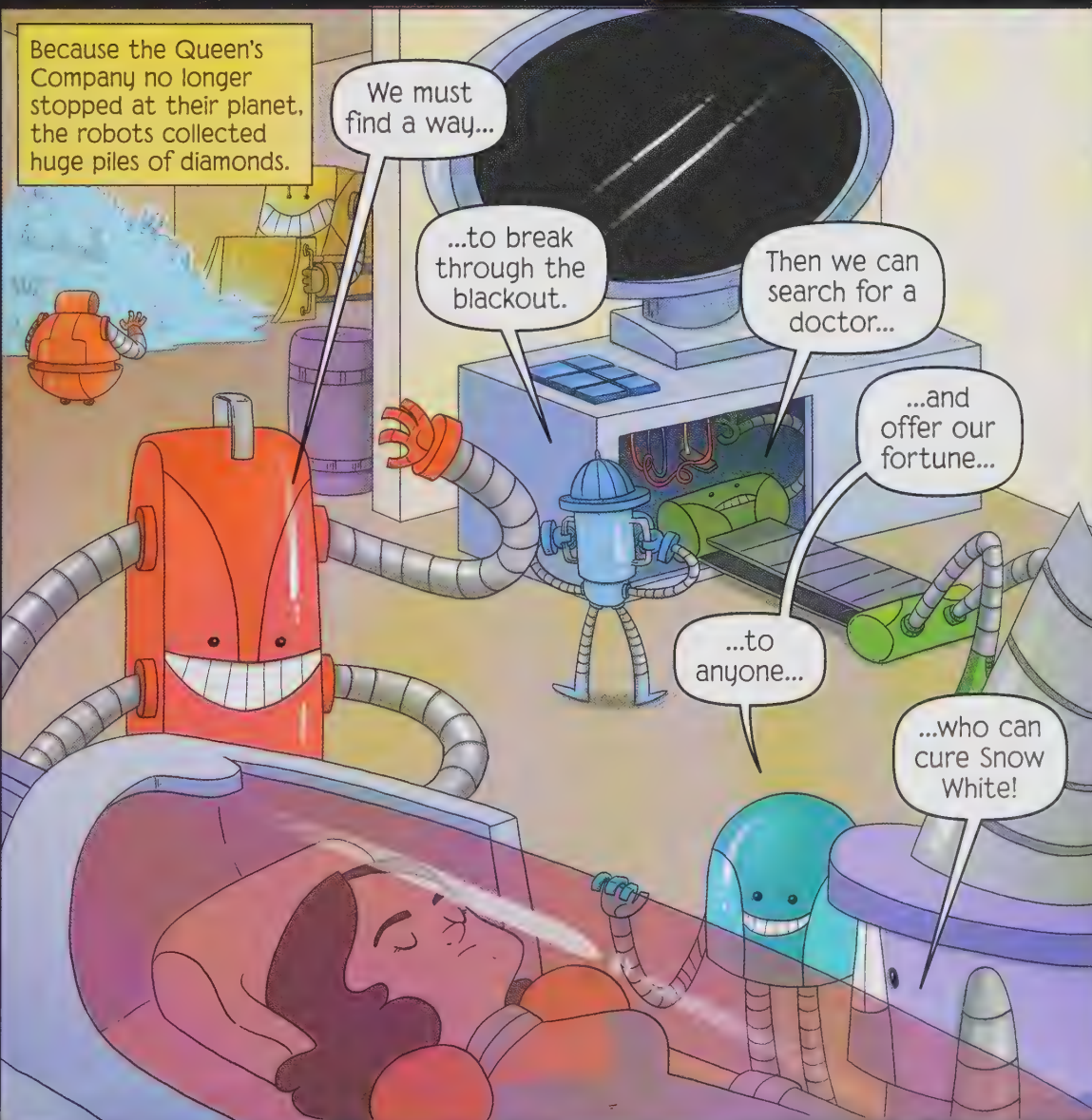
...to break through the blackout.

Then we can search for a doctor...

...and offer our fortune...

...to anyone...

...who can cure Snow White!





After many tries, the robots broke through the blackout.

They secretly searched the solar system for a doctor who could help. And, finally, on Techworld, they found one!

Poisoned chocolate? But who has been poisoned?

That's Snow White!! I have been searching for her for years!

How did this happen to her?

She fled the queen.

She crashed here.

We kept her hidden.

At least, we thought we did.

We offer you a fortune...

...if you will come...

...and save her.



Soon Doc arrived on the asteroid.

The diamonds  
are this way.

You can keep  
your fortune-I  
just want to help  
my old friend!

Snow was  
my best friend.  
I missed her so  
much.

She  
is our  
friend,  
too!

Can  
you fix  
her?

You were right.  
Snow White has been  
poisoned. This is the  
secret formula Queen  
Regent uses on her  
enemies.

*Open the  
cryo-coffin!*









Then...

Doc? Is that you?!



Snow!  
You're  
alive!

What are  
you doing  
here?





On the way back to Techworld, Doc told Snow White what he had learned.

You were born—no, *created* to rule. The queen hates you because of one of the gifts you were given: *intelligence*.

She was afraid you would take her crown...so she poisoned you.



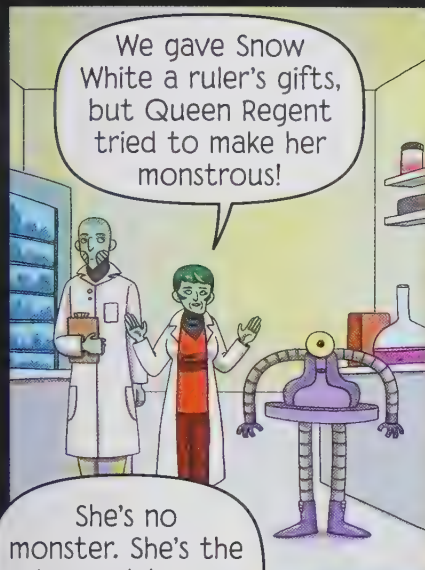
She may have intelligence, but she lacks your other gifts. Like your kindness, bravery and wisdom.

She is vain and cruel. The people have begun to rebel against her rule.

Your friends on Techworld are telling your story now, paving the way for your return...



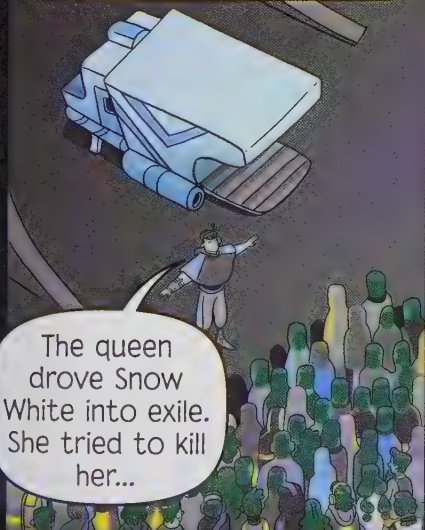




She's no monster. She's the cleverest human ever. Look how she fixed me!



As soon as the ship landed...





Meanwhile,  
inside the  
palace...

Snow White is  
smartest, wise and  
good. You should have  
given up when you  
still could!

No! This  
can't be  
happening!

I'll blow her  
to *smithereens*!  
The girl and all  
her stupid  
robots, too!

:O



Aiiieeeeee!

Shortly thereafter, the  
queen was arrested  
and sent to prison...



...and Snow White was crowned  
the queen of Techworld!

Snow ruled the kingdom with kindness,  
wisdom, integrity and intelligence.



And they all lived  
happily ever after.





## ALL ABOUT THE ORIGINAL TALE!

The story of Snow White was first published by the Brothers Grimm in 1812. This fairy tale tells the story of a queen who wishes for a daughter with skin as white as snow, lips as red as blood and jet-black hair. She gets her wish, but tragically dies during childbirth.

Snow White's father then marries a beautiful but selfish woman. Every day, the new queen asks a magic mirror who the most beautiful woman alive is. And every day, the mirror says it's the queen—until one day the mirror names Snow White instead.

The queen decides to have Snow killed. She orders a huntsman to murder her, but he can't make himself do the deed so he abandons her in the forest instead. Snow comes across a tiny cottage with seven small beds. As it turns out, seven dwarves live there, and they let her stay with them in exchange for keeping their home tidy and making their meals.

Soon after, the magic mirror tells the queen where Snow is hiding. The queen arrives disguised as a farmer's wife and offers Snow a poisoned apple, which puts Snow into a permanent state of sleep. When the dwarves return from work, they think Snow is dead, so they place her in a glass coffin.

One day, a prince comes along and is struck by Snow White's beauty. The dwarves let the prince take the coffin, presumably so she can have a proper burial. As the dwarves carry the coffin away, they trip and drop it. The bump dislodges the chunk of apple that was caught in Snow's throat, and she awakens! (In some versions of the tale, it's the prince's kiss that wakes Snow White from her endless sleep.) Either way, Snow falls in love with the prince at first sight. They marry, live happily ever after, and the evil queen is punished for her misdeeds.

In this far out version of the fairy tale, it's Snow White's inner beauty and intelligence that the queen fears. Check out this book's other twists to the timeless tale...



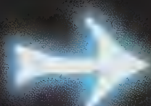
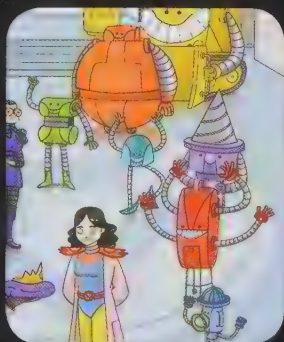
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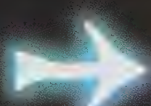
The all-knowing magic mirror is replaced by an all-seeing space satellite!



Dwarves helped the original Snow White. In this tale, robots come to her aid!



Instead of a poisoned apple putting Snow to sleep, poisoned chocolate is the culprit.

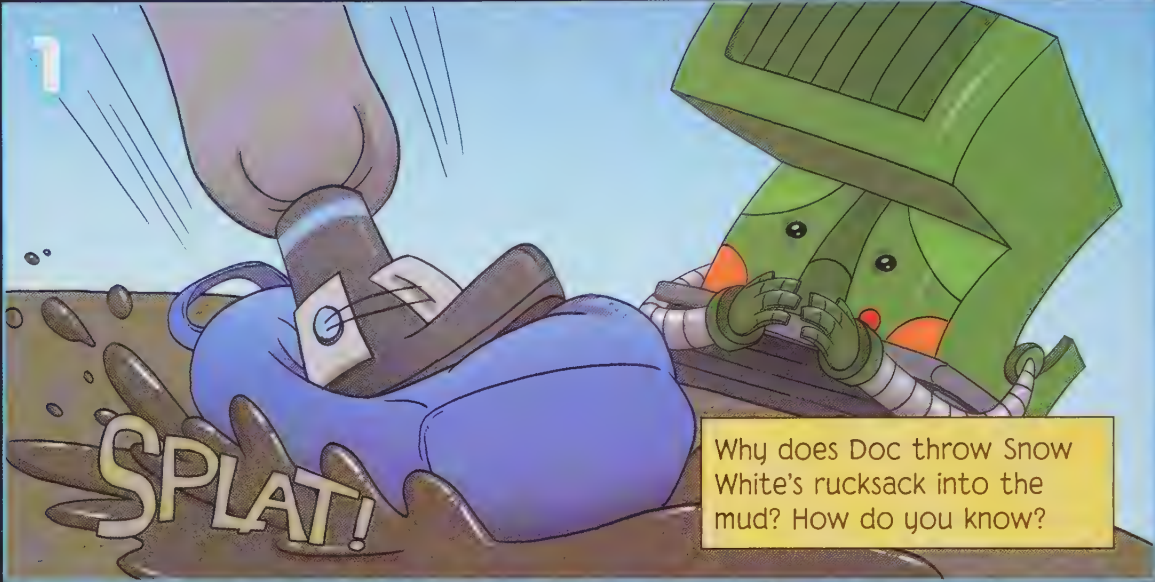


This cryo-tank preserves Snow White instead of the glass coffin in the original tale.



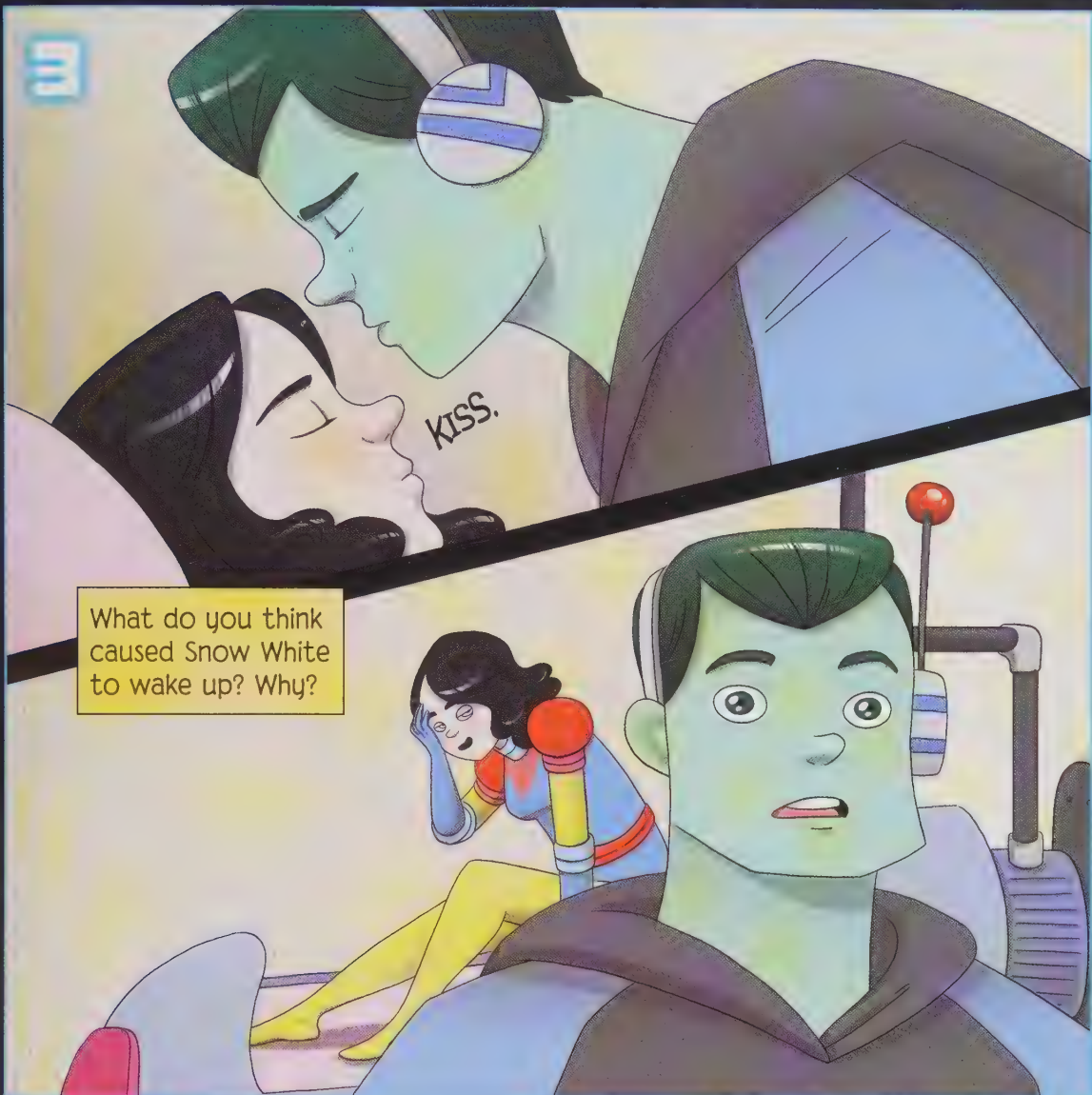


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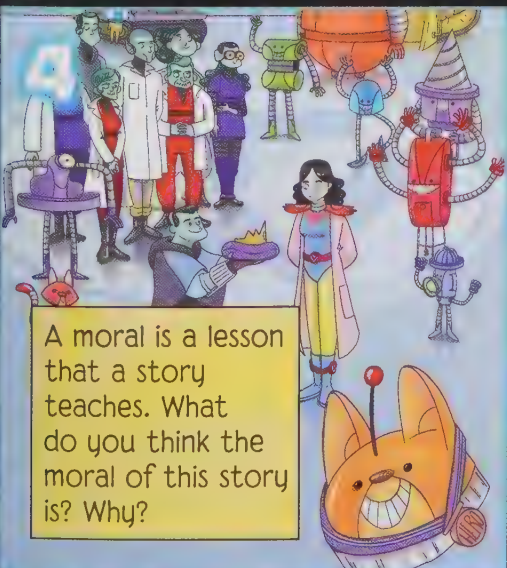


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What do you think caused Snow White to wake up? Why?

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A moral is a lesson that a story teaches. What do you think the moral of this story is? Why?

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What big role did this little robot play in the story? How did he end up saving Snow White? Why do you think he helped?



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# GLOSSARY

**align** arrange things so that they form a line or are in proper position

**apprentice** person who learns a job or skill by working for a fixed period of time for someone who is good at that job or skill

**aptitude** natural ability to do something or to learn something

**brace** prepare for something difficult or unpleasant

**cure** something (such as a drug or medical treatment) that stops a disease and makes someone healthy again

**formula** list of the ingredients used for making something (such as a medicine or a drink)

**integrity** quality of being honest and fair

**malfunctioned** broken or failed to work properly

**possess** have or own something

**prospector** someone who searches the land for special or valuable minerals, rocks, gems, etc.

**prosper** become very successful usually by making a lot of money

**quarantine** situation of being kept away from others to prevent a disease from spreading

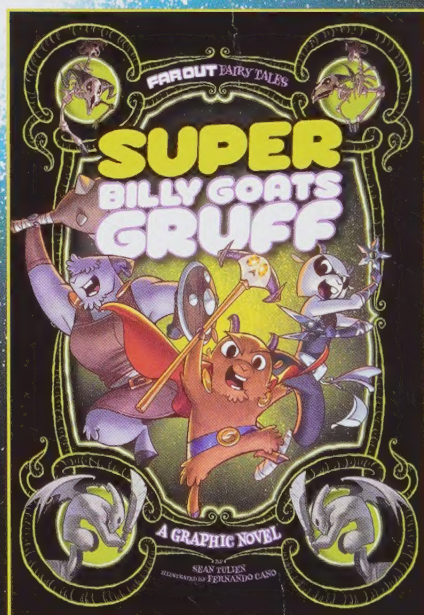
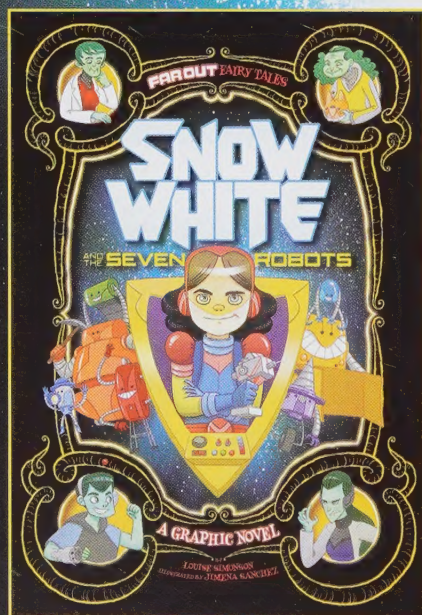
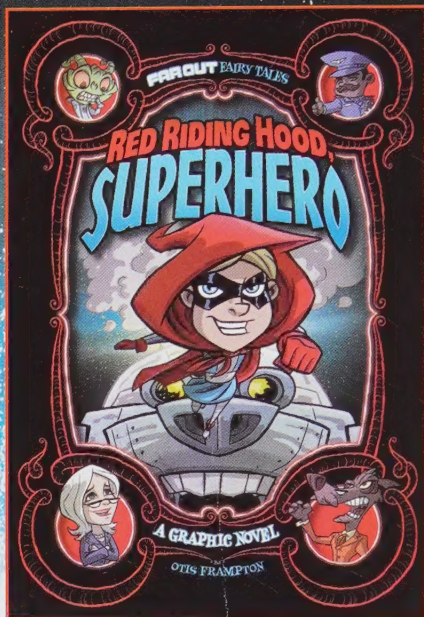
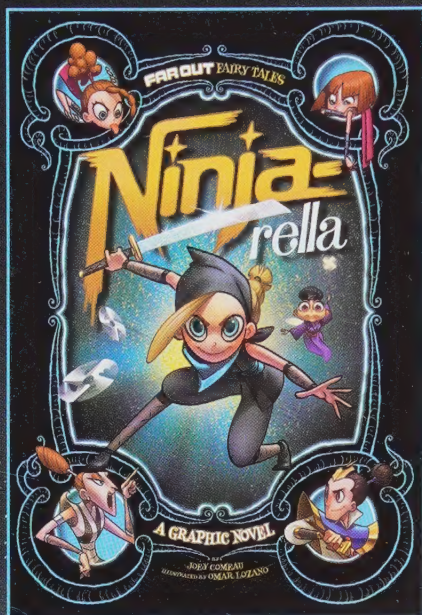
**regent** person who rules a kingdom when the king or queen is not able to rule

**stead** in place of something or someone

**vain** too proud of yourself



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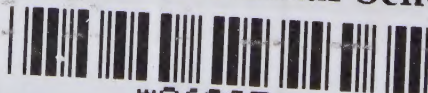
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